

That is, in my opinion, what every man ought to do who finds himself in a government which he cannot support—to leave it. I do not object to your punishing the guilty man as a traitor; but I say, do not punish those who are not guilty. I say, do not punish the innocent man, the innocent woman, the innocent child. The law of Christianity forbids it; the law of humanity forbids it; the law of Maryland ought to forbid it.

On motion of Mr. BOND,
The Convention adjourned.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, May 31st, 1864.

The Convention met at 11 A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Patterson.

Present at the call of the roll, the following members:

Messrs. Goldsborough, (President,) Abbott, Annan, Baker, Belt, Berry of Baltimore county, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Charles, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Duval, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hebb, Henkle, Hollyday, Hopkins, Horsey, Johnson, Jones of Cecil, Jones of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schlosser, Scott, Smith of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—75.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Mr. SCOTT submitted the following order:

Ordered, That hereafter the Convention hold afternoon sessions daily, commencing at half-past three P. M.

Mr. BARRON. If the members of this Convention would do more business and talk a great deal less, one session a day would be enough. I move that that order lie upon the table, and upon that motion I call for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 42; nays 35—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Barron, Belt, Berry of Baltimore county, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Davis of Charles, Davis of Washington, Dennis, Duval, Earle, Edelen, Harwood, Henkle, Hollyday, Horsey, Johnson, Jones of Somerset, King, Larsh, Lee, Mace, Marbury, Markey, Mitchell, Morgan, Nyman, Parran, Ridgely, Schlosser, Smith of Dor-

chester, Sneary, Thomas, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer—42.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Carter, Cushing, Dellinger, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hopkins, Jones of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Scott, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thruston, Todd, Wooden—35.

So the order was laid upon the table.

Mr. SYKES submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Convention hold two sessions each day, the morning session to meet at eleven o'clock and adjourn at two P. M., the afternoon session to meet at four o'clock and adjourn at seven P. M.

Mr. STIRLING. I would suggest to my friend that there is no necessity for an order of that kind. I hardly think that a majority will adopt it. It seems to me that it will be better to let the question remain for the Convention to decide at the time. When the business requires it, the Convention have the power at any time to take a recess until the afternoon; and no doubt they will do it until that particular matter is disposed of. But there is no necessity of our sitting here every afternoon; and if we adopt it we shall have to except a particular day in order to hold but one session. Without a general order we can at any time take a recess until the afternoon.

Mr. BARRON. I would suggest to gentlemen that wish this kind of order carried, that we should meet in the morning at half past nine o'clock.

The order was rejected.

ORDERS ADOPTED.

On motion of Mr. RIDGELY,

It was ordered to be entered upon the Journal, that the continued absence of Mr. Berry, of Baltimore county, has been occasioned by his necessary presence at Baltimore as Adjutant General of the State, in the business of organizing the troops now being enlisted under the late proclamation of the Governor.

On motion of Mr. GREENE,

Ordered, That the Committee on the "Legislative Department" be instructed to inquire into the expediency of incorporating into the Constitution a provision enabling the Legislature to accept the accession to this State of any territory contiguous thereto, of the States of West Virginia, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, with the consent of the Legislatures of the said States, and of the Congress of the United States.

On motion of Mr. DUVAL,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal that Mr. Peter, of Montgomery, is detained from his seat in the Convention by indisposition.

COMPENSATED EMANCIPATION.

Mr. CLARKE submitted the following resolution: